

REMARKS

As a first point, it was noticed upon review of the claims in preparation for this Response that pending claims 14, 15, 17, and 18 depend from cancelled claims 2 and 3. This has been amended herein such that claims 14, 15, 17, and 18 depend from pending claims 11 and 12, which correspond substantially to deleted claims 2 and 3.

In the Office Action, claims 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 24 has been amended to indicate that the effectiveness relates to cleaning. Claim 25 contained a clerical error regarding its dependency that has been corrected herein to reflect its proper dependency from claim 24.

In the Office Action, Applicant is advised that should claims 17 and 18 be found allowable, claims 20 and 21 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being substantially duplicate thereof. Claims 20 and 21 are deleted herein.

Claim 22 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 22 is herein amended.

New claim 26 has also been added which is substantially similar to claim 22 with the inclusion of the limitations of the previously pending claim 1. Claims 27-29, depending upon base claim 26, have also been added herein.

Also in the Office Action, claims 1, 11-21 and 23-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Johnson (U.S. Patent No. 3,281,438). Applicant respectfully transveres this rejection.

Johnson relates to improved fatty alkanolamides and their methods of manufacture. Johnson does not disclose, teach or suggest nonionic compounds having the general formula RY, wherein Y is a nitrile and R is defined as set forth in the present claim 1. Thus, amended 1 and 12 and their depending claims 11, 13-21, 23 and 24 are both novel and non-obvious over Johnson.

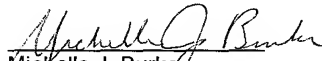
The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of claims 1, 11-21 and 24-25, as well as the objection to claim 22, and find all of the now pending claims in condition for immediate allowance.

In accordance with Section 714.01 of the M.P.E.P., the following information is presented in the event that a call may be deemed desirable by the Examiner:

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